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December 15, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
MEDIAN LANDSCAPING
LA MIRADA BOULEVARD AND MULBERRY DRIVE
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SOUTH WHITTIER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a project to landscape roadway medians on La Mirada Boulevard and Mulberry Drive in the unincorporated community of South Whittier, find the project exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, and call for bids.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

62 DECEMBER 15, 2009

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BID 1/12/10 @ 11:00 AM

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for La Mirada Boulevard and Mulberry Drive, median landscaping, in the unincorporated community of South Whittier, at an estimated cost between \$900,000 and \$1,100,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on January 12, 2010.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval to adopt and advertise for bids for the landscaping of roadway medians and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by enhancing the appearance and aesthetics of roadway medians, which will benefit the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$900,000 to \$1,100,000. This project is included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project was originally advertised on September 18, 2007, and on October 16, 2007, and nine bids were received. On March 11, 2008, your Board took action to reject the bids due to significant design changes recommended by the community subsequent to the advertisement of this project. Readvertising this project was delayed while the project plans and specifications were modified to accommodate up-to-date design considerations and meet the needs of the community.

This project, to contract for the landscaping of roadway medians, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing median landscape improvement program. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 75 working days. It is estimated the work will start in March 2010 and be completed in July 2010.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that; (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On September 18, 2007, Agenda Item 38, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. Since that time, the project limits have increased. This revised project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(9), (x)(10), (x)(13), and (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for parkway tree planting, median beautification, installation of sprinkler systems, and the reconstruction of existing roadway pavement.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by enhancing the appearance and aesthetics of roadway medians.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

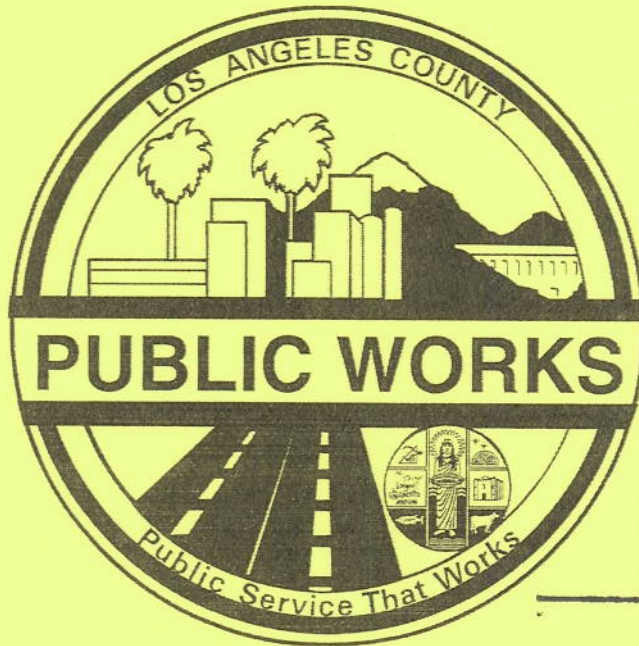


GAIL FARBER

Director

GF:JTS:bc

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

62 of 12/15/09

DATE

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By *[Signature]*, Deputy

NOTICE INVITING BIDS,

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

AND

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

FOR

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014095

LA MIRADA BOULEVARD AND MULBERRY DRIVE



Approved, GAIL FARBER, Director of Public Works

By

[Signature]
Deputy Director

11/30/09
Date